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MARRIAGE.  
On the 9th November, at the Cathedral, Shanghai,  
by the Rev. H. C. Ainslie, M.A., WILLIAM BUL-  
LAND, to ETHELINE C. AINSLE, eldest daughter  
of the late Daniel Cowie Andie.

DEATH.  
At his residence, Shanghai, on the 10th November,  
1898, MATTEO VENZENZIO, aged 70 years, late  
of the River Police, I.M. Customs.

The Daily Press.  
HONGKONG, November 10th 1898.

The question of the disposition of the  
Philippines has now reached a crisis, the  
Washington Cabinet having instructed the  
American Peace Commissioners not to  
admit any further discussion on America's  
right to the islands, the only matter for  
discussion being the manner of transferring  
them. Spain has up to the present declined  
to recognise the American claim, but she is  
now called upon to make her decision be-  
tween doing that or inviting a renewal of  
hostilities. The Spanish press, it is said,  
hopes for the intervention of Germany,  
Russia, and France, but there is little pro-  
spect of the realisation of such a hope. So  
long as the question is confined to the  
realm of diplomacy the Powers named  
may be willing to lend Spain their good  
offices, but neither collectively nor sepa-  
rately, will they be prepared to assist her by force of arms. It is not likely,  
even, that they will go so far as to use  
threats, for they know that threats  
would in this case be of no avail and they  
will not be prepared to court the  
humiliation of seeing their threats treated  
with contempt. The case of America and  
the Philippines cannot be dealt with on the  
same lines as was that of Japan and  
Liaotung. In the latter case Russia, France,  
and Germany united to bring pressure to  
bear upon Japan to compel her to withdraw  
the Liaotung. Permissus in consideration of  
an additional indemnity, and although it was  
a sore trial to Japan she felt compelled to  
yield. She stood alone and was unable to face  
the consequences of resistance to such  
Powers. With the United States the  
position is entirely different. Not only is she  
vastly stronger in herself than was Japan,  
but she also knows that any such combination  
against her as that mentioned would  
set Europe by the ears and that in the  
armed conflict, if such ensued, she would  
probably not stand alone; though even  
if she failed to find outside support she  
would still no doubt be prepared to  
resist coercion. But there is no com-  
munity of interest between Russia, Ger-  
many, and France that is likely to lead  
to combined action in the matter of the  
Philippines, nor have any of them indi-  
vidually any such interest as would justify  
their interference. Germany, which has  
long desired a coaling station in the neig-  
bourhood and at one time disputed the  
ownership of the Carolines with Spain, has  
the most direct interest, but she will

more likely to obtain satisfaction of her  
desires by friendly diplomatic negotiation  
with the United States than by a policy of  
obstruction, while any attempt at coercion  
would be at once absurd and fatal to her  
plans. Russia has no direct interest in the  
Philippines at all, and it would certainly  
not suit her policy to incur the enmity of  
the United States. The interests of the two  
Powers nowhere conflict, and it is the desire  
of Russia to see, in connection with the  
Trans-Siberian Railway, a vast oceanic traffic  
established across the Pacific between  
the United States and the Russian Asiatic  
dominions for which the maintenance of  
friendly relations is desirable. There  
remains France to be considered. Although  
it is difficult to say on what  
extraordinary adventures that country  
might not embark in her thirst for glory  
and territorial aggrandisement if her hands  
were entirely free, her position at present is  
such that she would not feel tempted to  
risk a conflict with any first-class Power  
unless some issue were at stake that  
touched her deeply, and nothing would be  
less to her taste than a second Fashoda  
incident. The probabilities are, therefore,  
strongly against any outside assistance being  
accorded to Spain in resistance to the  
disposition of the Philippines, the only matter  
for discussion being the manner of trans-  
ferring them.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.  
At a banquet in New York, to General Miles,  
the most cordial demonstration in favour of an  
Anglo-American entente occurred.

THE EMPEROR WILLIAM'S RETURN  
JOURNEY.

It is reported that the West Yorks will not  
leave Singapore for India until May next.—  
"Daily Times."

According to an Indian telegram published  
in our mail news to-day Major Hamilton  
Bower's Chinese regiment is to be raised in  
Hongkong.

H.M.S. *Boreas* was taken alongside the dock  
at Kowloon yesterday for the purpose of having  
a new ten-inch gun placed in the fore bar-  
bette, and returned to her moorings in the  
man-of-war anchorage in the afternoon. Other  
preparations in view of the possible outbreak of  
hostilities are being pushed on with.

H.E. Li Hau-chang, ex-viceroy of the Two  
Kings provinces and elder brother of the late Heng-  
chang, arrived at Shanghai on the 10th November  
from his residence in Anhui. It is reported  
that the N.C. *Daily News* says that H.E.  
Li is on his way to the North, having been sum-  
moned to Peking by the Empress Dowager.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Nethersols Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donations to the funds  
of the Hospitals:—

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Fung Wa Chin. .... 25.

The N.C. *Daily News* of the 11th November  
states that Lord Charles Boreford is due to  
arrive at Shanghai this morning, and will  
probably tranship to the *El Dorado*, which  
has orders to call with him at Kowloon Bay or  
to Shanghai, where Lord Charles and his  
son are expected on Monday or Tuesday morning.  
A telegram says here Lord Charles will make  
a trip up the Yangtze.

We are glad to learn that the sickness among  
the Russian troops at Port Arthur is not so  
serious as it has been reported to be. There  
have only been 23 cases of dysentery, due to  
bad water. The water supply is now  
under the care of the Russians, and the soldiers  
have been cured, but the natural supply is  
now being augmented by condensed water.—  
N.C. *Daily News*.

It is reported from Foochow that a foreigner  
has tendered for and obtained permission from  
the high provincial authorities in that city to  
coin copper cash for the sum of 40,000.  
And in view of the existing machinery  
two years ago by the authorities has  
been handed over to the foreigner in question  
to use for his purpose. A proclamation legalis-  
ing the copper cash minted by the foreigner,  
it is stated, will soon be issued for the informa-  
tion of the native bankers, etc.—N.C. *Daily News*.

A football match will take place at Happy  
Valley this afternoon, Club v. The V.R.C.  
team. The following will play for the Club—  
Forwards, J. H. Morris, W. A. L. Lethbridge;  
H. Lloyd, E. F. Shewell, C. A. Falser;  
Hawes, A. Brook Smith, C. T. Kew, H. S. Holmes; backs, T. W. Hornby, R. G. Dewar;  
Goal, P. G. Davies. The following will represent  
the V.R.C.—Goal, Brett, backs, Stinton  
and Quenell; half-backs, Gossaves, and  
scrum-half, Forwards, Seth, Craig, Henderson,  
Taylor, Ross.

Lam Fu, crewman on board the *Terville*, was  
charged at the Magistrate yesterday with as-  
suming Extra Officer No. 2. Complainant  
said that on Monday he and other officers board-  
ed the *Terville* and went to the defendant's room  
and found two men, one of whom was a foreigner.  
Complainant said he was an ex-vice officer and  
had come to search for an opinion. Distrustful  
of him to go quickly or he would strike him,  
and because complainant refused to defend  
himself, witness blew his whistle and C.P.  
Wilson came to his assistance and arrested  
him. A fine of \$25 or 42 dollars was imposed.

The *Supra* states that the Hsing Lan Com-  
pany of Wenzing, the Directors of which are  
Chao Shih Tsu-ho (Chief) and the Shanghai  
Tao-tsi Tsu-chin (Vice), have recently sold  
a piece of land at Wenzing, bordering the river's  
edge, measuring 19,300 sq. odd, to a Japanese  
syndicate for the 20,000. Of this sum \$16,  
000 have already been received as earnest  
and the remainder will be sent as soon as  
the foreigner has obtained a license to  
make a monopoly that was protected by  
the Government.

The business of local Spaniards amounts to  
comparatively very little. In the short time  
already passed, competition on an equal basis  
has placed new interests ahead of the old.  
American and English firms have  
increased their share of the market, and  
the foreigner has been ousted by the  
Government.

Foreigners are quite dull and rather  
nominal at 10 cents to Hongkong, 13 cents to  
Singapore, and 20 cents to Java.

The N.C. *Daily News* of the 9th November  
says—A collision between two steam launches  
which might have been avoided with serious  
consequences occurred near Wenzing about 6  
A.M. on the 11th. As a result of the accident,  
MacPherson & Co.'s launch was capsizing, Mr.  
and Mrs. MacPherson from Shanghai to the P.  
& O. steamer *Clarendon* at Wenzing she collided  
with the Shanghai Engineering & Dock Co.'s  
launched from Gough Island. Her starboard bow  
was stove in and she was promptly beached.  
Mr. and Mrs. MacPherson were at once trans-  
ferred to *Clarendon*, which had been sent by  
the mail tender *Gatsof*. The Dock Co.'s boat,  
although much damaged, was able to proceed  
safely to Shanghai. The latter is also a new boat having  
just completed her trial trip last Saturday.  
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